

The Merced Communication Workers of America Local 9407 urges you to endorse SBC Pacific Bell's efforts to enter the long distance market. We support this move for many reasons, but primarily because of the job security it could bring to our organization's employees.

Some of the other advantages of SBC Pacific Bell's entry into long distance include substantial consumer savings and convenience, easy to understand calling plans, responsive customer service and the convenience and value of one-stop shopping for all telecommunications services.

The job security aspect of this equation is most important to the Merced CWA Local 9407 because one of our primary goals is to work hard to improve the standard of living for our current and future members. SBC Pacific Bell's entry into the long distance market has great potential for our community, possibly creating many new jobs. Our economy, especially now, cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

Please understand that your position on SBC Pacific Bell's long distance application will likely have lasting repercussions on our community-as well as this state's economy.

We encourage you to open the door to competition and a healthy economy and allow SBC Pacific Bell to provide long distance service.

Thank you,

Rick Becker
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